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FIGHTING FOR HIS SONS

Stephen Watkins of Newmarket shows a poster of his two sons before flying to Poland in his ongoing fight to bring them home. The boys were allegedly abducted by their mother over two years ago. See story, page 4. KEATH BEATY/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

It's time to sack the bag tax: Ford

Heavy load. Mayor to urge city's executive committee to scrap the 2009 bylaw, which has helped curb annual plastic-bag use

Mayor Rob Ford says he didn't campaign for office on a promise to scrap the five-cent plastic-bag fee but he now wants to get rid of it.

Ford said on his Sunday radio talk show that the tax, introduced in June 2009 by then-mayor David Miller, has served its purpose.

"This bag tax has been around too long," Ford said on his CFRB radio program, which included his brother, Coun. Doug Ford, and featured a special Mother's Day appearance by their mother, Diane.

On Monday, Ford will urge members of the executive committee, which he chairs, to scrap the 2009 bylaw that has helped curb annual plastic-bag use in the city from 457 million bags to 215 million as people switched to reusable bags.

Retailers net about $5.4 million a year from the fee, and Coun. Michelle Berardinetti has been pushing a plan that would see retailers put some of that money into preserving the city's tree canopy.

In an interview, Berardinetti said replanting trees to replace those lost to the emerald ash borer is projected to cost $10 million a year — money the city doesn't have.

"At the end of the day, the taxpayers are going to have to pay for that tree canopy one way or another," she said.

"The policy is working; there are fewer plastic bags. I'm not sure why we would rescind something that's working," Berardinetti added.

Only 19 per cent of the city's land mass is shaded by trees and a coverage of 35 per cent is considered healthy, said Coun. Joe Mihevc.

"We desperately need a funding source to help us replenish our tree canopy," Mihevc said. "It's unfortunate the mayor isn't showing leadership on this."

While Ford said the plastic-bag fee has served its purpose, people still need encouragement to go with reusable bags, Mihevc added.

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The unexpected when expecting

Cameron Diaz and Jennifer Lopez, who star in a new film about pregnancy, share some real-life delivery-room horror stories PAGE 16

Charges laid in smoke-bomb scare

Four suspects in their early 20s are accused of committing a terrorism-related prank in attacks on Montreal's subway system PAGE 7

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Crime

Teen charged in murder

A 17-year-old is charged with first-degree murder in the fatal stabbing of a 28-year-old man in Markham early Sunday morning.

York Regional Police were called to Markham Village Library on Highway 7 around 3 a.m. The victim, identified as Allen Constance of Markham, was transported to hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

The accused, whose name cannot be released since he is a minor, will appear before the Ontario Youth Justice Court on Monday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Crime

Student stabbed multiple times

A 17-year-old Toronto Collegiate Institute student was rushed to hospital Sunday afternoon following a stabbing outside the school entrance.

Police said the teen's injuries include a punctured lung and four stab wounds to his chest, neck and head. He is expected to survive.

Police are trying to locate an 18-year-old male suspect.

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Highway 401

1 killed, 2 injured in fiery collision

A man is dead after a BMW went up in flames on Highway 401 east of Highway 427 Sunday morning. The BMW hit the guardrail and then was struck by a tractor trailer just before 7 a.m.

The male driver was pronounced dead on the scene.

Two occupants of the tractor trailer, a male driver and a female passenger, were taken to hospital with serious injuries.

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Cavalia will take you for a ride

Amigo, a nine-year-old quarter horse gelding, gets a cleaning scrub from Calorane Dupuis in preparation for the Toronto run of Cavalia Odysseo, which starts on Tuesday. The show features 49 artists and 61 horses. RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Eglinton Avenue forgotten no more

Development. $6B, 26-km Crosstown LRT set to transform neighbourhood

When MPP Mike Colle takes a mental stroll down Eglinton Avenue, he sees pokey one- and two-storey buildings, gas stations, parking lots. In his mind it boils down to a whole lot of potential.

Now, after decades of neglect, the Liberal MPP for Eglinton-Lawrence says the Eglinton-Scarborough Crosstown LRT, still eight years from completion, is already transforming the neighbourhood he loves to boost.

Eglinton and Caledonia is one of the intersections that MPP Mike Colle says he's looking forward to seeing redeveloped when the new LRT line goes in under Eglinton. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

"We need more people living on Eglinton. It's the forgotten middle of Toronto. For decades nobody ever paid attention to it. Now this gives us a chance to pay attention. This is a chance to give it some light and some investment. The transportation is really the catalyst. And it's already happening," said Colle, who cites the redevelopment of the 50-year-old China House restaurant at Bathurst Street into a condo that sold out in a couple of weeks.

How Eglinton looks once the Crosstown is running will depend on a two-year city planning exercise called an avenue study that begins community consultations Thursday at the Fairbank Memorial Community Centre on Dufferin Street Thursday.

The $1.3-million study, which will eventually go before city council, is the first step in envisioning what Eglinton will look like after the Crosstown is built, how it will be zoned, what kind of buildings and public spaces will be encouraged.

It will traverse 14 wards through the tunnelled west and central portions starting at Black Creek Drive and at street level from Laird Road to Kennedy Station in the east, said Toronto director of transportation planning Rod McPhail.

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On the web

Crew cleans up after mid-air collision

Debris scattered over a one-kilometre area after two small planes crashed in northern Saskatchewan on Saturday, killing five people. Go to metronews.ca for a photo gallery of divers cleaning up the wreckage.

Mobile news

Call it kitchen diplomacy: U.S. chefs break bread with Cuban restaurateurs during Havana's 11th biennial, which blends culinary arts with performance art. Scan the code for the story.

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Stephen Watkins is hoping Prime Minister Stephen Harper will raise the issue of child abductions while hosting Polish leader Donald Tusk in Ottawa this week. KEITH BEATY/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Newmarket dad hopes to retrieve sons from Poland

Alleged abduction. Poland's national missing children's association will speak at a hearing to help boost father's case

The Newmarket father of two abducted boys will be back in a Polish courtroom this week in an ongoing legal battle to bring them home.

On Sunday afternoon, Stephen Watkins got on a plane bound for the country where his ex-wife took Alexander, 10, and Christopher, 8, in April 2009. Police allege Edyta Watkins abducted the boys and took them to her birth country during a court-ordered weekend access visit, even though Watkins was awarded full custody after their bitter divorce.

A Canada-wide arrest warrant and an Interpol arrest notice have been issued for Edyta Ustaszewsky Watkins.

Last December, a Polish court ruled against the boys' return to Canada, saying they had already adapted to their lives in Poland. Watkins is appealing that decision. He said he is not hopeful the ruling will be overturned. "Unfortunately, everything is stacked against me," Watkins said in an interview.

Reaction

"They didn't call me Dad. They called me by my first name. They are confused, and angry."

Stephen Watkins, on a visit he was able to have with his sons last December through a court-issued access order.

The boys were found in Warsaw with their mother last summer and Watkins said he was able to have a quick visit with them last December, through a court-issued access order. He is hoping to see them again this week but does not have a court order allowing him to do so.

Watkins said Poland does not share an extradition treaty with Canada but is supposed to follow the rules demanding the quick return of abducted children set out in the Hague Convention. Watkins said he does not believe Poland follows the convention, saying he knows of other parents whose abducted children were allowed to disappear in Poland, with no help from its court system.

"Poland is the black hole of parental abductions," he said.

Watkins said he is trying to raise awareness so the Canadian government will fight for change. He points out that Prime Minister Stephen Harper is hosting the head of the Polish government, Donald Tusk, in Ottawa this week and could ask for help getting his boys back.

The government has given him support, he noted. Diane Ablonczy, minister of state of foreign affairs, sent a letter to her Polish counterpart, Jan Borkowski, seeking the return of Watkins' sons on "humanitarian and (com)passionate grounds." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The gift of motherhood given on Mother's Day

Consider it the ultimate Mother's Day present. On Sunday, some women were meeting their baby for the first time.

These are fresh buns, as they say, out of the oven. "I can't believe it, I don't know. I keep staring at her," said Jody Shaffer, the new mother of Jordan Sophie Shaffer, born 7 pounds, 14 ounces Sunday at Sunnybrook hospital.

"Honestly, I don't know what people did before epidurals," said Jody, holding baby Jordan, who she described as "a little burrito."

Down the hall Rachel Jellous, a Grade 2 teacher, and Scott, her husband, were cradling their own bundle of joy.

The couple didn't expect twins, but perhaps should have. There are many sets on both sides of the family.

"She (my mother) said, 'Of course you're having twins,'" recalled Rachel. "She said, 'You're going to need help.'"

Emma, twin A, came out fast. So fast, Rachel had to be rushed from the labour room to the emergency room, where twin births usually happen, by a team of some seven nurses and doctors.

Rachel Jellous holds her newborn baby girl Clare at Toronto's Sunnybrook hospital shortly after delivery on Mother's Day. LUCAS OLENIUK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Scott cracked a joke about the high-pressure sprint through the hallway, saying it was like a scene from a television show.

"I laughed," said Rachel, "and yeah, that pushed her head (out farther)."

Clare — the name was still a point of contention between the parents during the interview — would follow her sister by an hour and a half.

"She got some space in there, thought to hang out a little longer," said Scott.

Hospital staff offered the parents some practical tips. Dr. Rose Kung, who has been delivering babies for 20 years, said don't fret over breastfeeding.

"Try it if you can," said Kung, "but don't get stressed if you can't. It will not make it easier."

Tsvetana Dukhovny, 24, is a nurse at the hospital where "babies are coming out all the time." She chose the job for the adrenalin rush, and cherishes the opportunity help the mothers. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Youth report. Ontario must take better care of its abandoned children

Ontario's child welfare system needs fundamental change to address the isolation, vulnerability and abandonment experienced by too many children in foster care and group homes, says a groundbreaking report written by youth.

The report, based on unprecedented legislative hearings last November with accounts from 200 youth from the child welfare system, calls on the province and others to work with them to produce an action plan by November.

The goal is to make Ontario a better parent to roughly 8,300 children and youth in its care and make their transition to adulthood more secure.

The report being released Monday at Queen's Park, says the government should act immediately to raise the age of financial and emotional support from 21 to 25; allow youth to stay in foster care beyond age 18; and declare a "Youth in Care Day" to raise awareness and reduce stigma. The province should also develop health and education plans for children in care; collect and publish information on their experiences; and create an online clearing house of information and resources, says the report. Entitled My REAL Life Book, the report reflects on six themes, including vulnerability, isolation and being "left out" of decision-making about their lives.

Statistics

44%

Just 44% of youth from the child welfare system complete high school and as adults they are more likely to experience poverty and homelessness, suffer mental health problems and become involved with the criminal justice system.

Minister of Children and Youth Services, Eric Hoskins, called the hearings and the report "without precedent," "groundbreaking" and "brave." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Health care

McGuinty urges unity on doctor pay

Ontario is urging provinces to stand together on how much they pay doctors, something the head of the province's medical association says smacks of concern about a physician exodus amid a feud about fees.

Premier Dalton McGuinty has sent a letter to fellow premiers calling on them to work together in making better use of things like technology and new drug therapies to cut costs in delivering health care.

Technological breakthroughs in areas such as pharmaceuticals, diagnostic imaging and surgical techniques can allow doctors to cover more ground in a day, McGuinty argues.

Dr. Doug Weir, president of the Ontario Medical Association, said the letter suggests McGuinty is worried that the nasty spat with doctors might spur them to hang their shingle in another province. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Russian teams search for crashed jet's black box

Indonesian special forces and professional climbers scaled down a treacherous ravine on a volcano face Sunday in search of the missing flight recorder that could explain the deadly crash of a Russian-made jetliner.

The Sukhoi Superjet-100 had 45 people aboard when it crashed into Mount Salak on Wednesday during a flight intended to woo potential Indonesian airline buyers.

All aboard are presumed dead, and helicopters have been ferrying the victims' remains to Jakarta, the capital, for identification since Saturday.

It's unclear what caused the crash about halfway through a planned 50-minute flight, so finding the "black box" recorder is a priority.

Dozens of Indonesian and Russian investigators were searching Sunday in a ravine near where the plane's scattered wreckage was found on the slopes of the long-dormant volcano, 80 kilometres southwest of Jakarta, top civil aviation official Herry Bakti Gumay said.

Local news station TVOne reported that search teams had spotted a device that might be the black box lodged in a tree near the bottom of the 500-metre-deep ravine and were trying to reach it.

However, the recorder had not been reached by the time the search was called off for the day on Sunday.

A landslide was triggered when the Superjet slammed into the side of the volcano, and much of the wreckage including the engine and landing gear were covered in rocks and dirt, TVOne reported.

The Superjet is Russia's first new model of passenger jet since the fall of the Soviet Union two decades ago.

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Wooing investors

Wednesday's ill-fated flight was a demonstration for Indonesia's fast-expanding domestic airlines.

- Indonesia has added 36 new passenger and cargo airlines in the past five years and seen growth of 15 to 20 per cent in the sector as companies rush to serve an emerging middle class amid the nation's economic boom.

Rescuers from the Russian ministry of emergency situations walk to the crash site of the Sukhoi Superjet-100 at Mount Salak in Bogor, Indonesia, Sunday. JEFRY TARIGAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Tragedy. Five dead after planes collide mid air

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Two grieving Alberta families are struggling to comprehend how a private plane carrying their loved ones collided in mid-air with another Saturday.

A total of five people were killed in the incident, which took place near St. Brieux, Sask. Investigators on scene Sunday said debris from the two aircraft, a Piper PA-28 and Lake Buccaneer, is spread over more than a kilometre.

On board the Piper were pilot Denny Loree, who was in his 50s and had more than 1,000 hours flight experience, father Eric Donovan and his 11-year-old son Wade, family members confirmed Sunday. The trio were en route to pick up air seeder materials for Eric's grain and equipment business, said cousin Ian Donovan.

The deceased father leaves behind a wife and three children ages four to 10, Ian said.

"(Eric) was a great family man," he added. "He was always helping out in the community, helping out with his kids' baseball team."

The loving father also had a love of flying and had nearly obtained his pilot's licence.

Loree, meanwhile, had been flying for more than nine years, said son Mackenzie.

"He was a true gentleman and his biggest passion was flying," Mackenzie said. "He was an excellent pilot and that really was what he lived for."

Ian said young Wade had not flown much and relished the opportunity to join his father for the day trip.

There were no survivors in Saturday's collision. Two people on board the Buccaneer, which was headed from Regina to La Ronge, Sask., had not been identified Sunday.

The RCMP underwater recovery team searches one of two plane crash sites near St. Brieux, Sask., Sunday. LIAM RICHARDS /THE CANADIAN PRESS

The cause of the crash was still being investigated; however, Ian Donovan said investigators have indicated to his family that while Loree had set out a flight plan, the oncoming Buccaneer may not have.

Other details:

- RCMP Cpl. Rob King says remains of some of the victims were still at the scene on Sunday.
- King says RCMP went to the scene Saturday when they got a report that a piece of a wing had been found in a field.
- The mayor of St. Brieux says people in community are praying for the families of the victims.

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Suspects charged with terrorism-related prank

Montreal. Three 20-somethings could face up to five years in prison if convicted in smoke-bombing subway incident

People are shown on the Montreal subway in a police handout photo. A co-ordinated smoke-bomb attack crippled Montreal's subway system Thursday.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

A man and three women in their early 20s were charged Saturday with committing a terrorism-related prank following smoke-bomb attacks that crippled the Montreal subway system earlier in the week.

The suspects, Francois-Vivier Gagnon, Genevieve Vaillancourt, Vanessa L'Ecuyer and Roxanne Belisle, turned themselves in to authorities Friday.

They appeared in Montreal court via video conference on Saturday to face charges of hoax regarding terrorist activity, which means they were accused of inciting fear of terrorism — not committing a terrorist act.

The charge carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison.

"The Crown must prove these were actions that would cause fear from the public... that terrorist activities were committed," Robert La Haye, a well-known Quebec criminal lawyer, said in an interview.

"It doesn't mean that they are being charged with committing terrorist activities."

They were also charged with conspiracy and mischief of over $5,000, while Gagnon was charged with possession of a prohibited weapon for a knife.

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Lost productivity:

- Smoke bombs were set off at several metro stops during rush hour Thursday.
- The incident is estimated to cost several million dollars in lost productivity for the city by a merchants' association and a conservative think-tank group.

Secret meetings

Martin's Liberals more secretive than Tories, data shows

Stephen Harper's Conservatives have been accused of using their majority to hide too much House of Commons committee business behind closed doors.

But an analysis of Library of Parliament data for the last decade shows the championship title for secretive committee work actually belongs to former prime minister Paul Martin's Liberals.

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Felicia Boots

Alleged baby killer to stay in custody

British police say a Canadian woman, charged with two counts of murder in the deaths of her two babies, is to remain in custody until Tuesday.

Jewelry designer Felicia Boots was charged with the murder of her children, 10-week-old son Mason and his 14-month-old sister Lily, at their home in southwest London earlier last week.

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An Afghan National Army soldier patrols the gate of the military hospital in Kabul. RAHMAT GUL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Former Taliban official gunned down in Kabul

Afghanistan. Senator and Afghan peace council member was working to organize talks between government officials and insurgents

A gunman in a car killed a former high-ranking Taliban official working on reconciling Afghanistan's insurgency with the government, a fresh blow to peace efforts even as Kabul announced it was gradually taking the lead from the U.S.-led coalition for providing security in much of the country.

A gunman with a silenced pistol killed Arsala Rahmani as he was sitting in his car at an intersection in one of the capital's most secure areas near Kabul University, police said.

The death of Rahmani, a top member of the Afghan peace council and a senator in parliament's upper house, dealt another setback to efforts to negotiate a political resolution to the decade-long war.

Rahmani was a former Taliban official who reconciled with the government and was active in trying to set up formal talks with the insurgents. His assassination follows that of the council's head last year.

He was shot just hours before President Hamid Karzai announced the third of a five-stage transition process that will have the Afghan National Security forces in control of the country by the end of 2014, when most foreign combat troops are to leave the country.

Karzai's announcement came just ahead of a NATO summit in Chicago on May 20 and 21 where the training, funding and future of the Afghan National Security Forces will be a topic of discussion, along with the gradual process called "transition."

Afghan security forces now number about 330,000 and are to increase to 352,000 by the end of the year.

They are expected to take over much of the fighting as the U.S. draws down an additional 23,000 troops to 68,000 by the end of September. U.S. troop levels reached a high of about 100,000 last year.

The third tranche covers 122 districts, and when complete will bring the total number of districts under Afghan control to 260 in all 34 provinces.

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Transition

The Afghan government is gradually gaining traction.

- The head of a commission overseeing the transition to Afghan-led security said the country's current transition stage will end with the Afghans taking the lead for areas representing 75 per cent of the population within six months.
- The transition process will allow most international combat forces to withdraw, leaving the Afghan security forces in control across the nation by the end of 2014. A smaller number of forces are expected to stay on past that date in a mentoring, training and counter-terrorism role.
- "The completion of transition ... will mark the end of NATO's combat role, but not the end of our engagement. NATO is committed to an enduring partnership with Afghanistan, and to providing training," Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen said.

Florida

Mystery package causes illness

A postal worker says a mysterious leaking package from Yemen has left him seriously ill. Jeffrey A. Lill is reportedly suffering from toxic exposure symptoms. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New York

Columbia janitor graduates

52-year-old Yugoslavia refugee Gac Filipaj graduated from Columbia University with honours. It took him a dozen years to finish his courses while working full time. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kony. Ugandan forces capture an LRA senior commander

Ugandan forces captured a senior commander of Joseph Kony's Lord's Resistance Army after a brief fight with rebels near the Congo-Central African Republic border, an army official said Sunday, in what an analyst said was an "intelligence coup" for forces hunting for Kony.

Lt. Col. Abdul Rugumayo, intelligence chief for Uganda's military operation against the LRA, said Caesar Acellam was captured Saturday with two other rebel fighters as they tried to cross a river called Mbomu.

Although Acellam is not one of the LRA commanders indicted along with Kony in 2005 by the International Criminal Court, Ugandan officials say he was one of Kony's top military strategists and a reliable fighter.

"He is in good condition," Rugumayo said of Acellam. "He was captured with two other rebels. They were in a group of 30 rebels." He said the others escaped.

Details of precisely how Acellam was captured were not available.

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Missadeh Diab, 65, holds a picture of her son Bilal at her home in Kufr Rai. BERNAT ARMANGUE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Palestinians, Egyptians seeking to end Israeli prisoner hunger strike

West Bank. Egyptian officials draft proposal calling for Israel to improve prison conditions and ease detention policy

Egyptian and Palestinian officials said Sunday they were close to reaching a deal with Israel that would end a mass hunger strike by Palestinians in Israeli jails.

Some 1,600 Palestinian prisoners are on strike, most for a month, but three have refused food for more than 70 days. They launched the strike to press their demands for better conditions and an end to detention without trial.

An Egyptian-drafted proposal calls for Israel to move prisoners currently held in solitary confinement to regular cells, and allow families from Hamas-ruled Gaza to leave the seaside strip to visit imprisoned relatives, an Egyptian official said on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the discussions.

It also calls for Israel to ease a policy called "administrative detention" under which some prisoners deemed a security risk can be held indefinitely without charge. Under the draft agreement, that policy would be changed and prisoners will be either charged or released after they are detained.

Palestinian prisoners have yet to review the proposal, and Israeli officials refused comment.

A Palestinian lawyer representing the prisoners confirmed the details of the proposal, and said Egyptian officials had presented it to the Israelis.

Taher Nunu, the spokesman for the Hamas government in Gaza, said Egyptian mediation efforts were under way, and that he hoped "for an answer within hours" from the prisoners to the proposal.

While the existence of a draft proposal is a significant step forward, it may still face serious obstacles before Israeli officials and Palestinian prisoners agree to a deal.

Both sides need to show results. Israel faces the spectre of mass demonstrations, and potential violence, when thousands of Palestinians take to the streets Tuesday to commemorate their defeat in the 1948 war surrounding Israel's independence.

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A splash of water for health and prosperity

A man throws cold water over a devotee of Hindu goddess Maha Mariamman, in trance, during a religious procession in Amritsar, India, Sunday. Devotees believe the goddess brings good health and prosperity to those who worship her. ALTAF QADRI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Syrian forces stage deadly raid on village

Religious tensions. Tragic situation may worsen as violence threatens to bleed into neighbouring Lebanon

Syrian forces killed at least five people when they raided a Sunni farming village on Sunday, torching homes and looting shops in what activists said is a sign of worsening relations among the country's religious groups.

Tensions stemming from the 14-month-old uprising against President Bashar Assad also touched off clashes across the border in Lebanon as the revolt threatened to morph into a broader conflict.

The relentless violence further undermines a UN-backed peace plan that is supposed to bring an end to Syria's deadly crisis.

A ceasefire that was supposed to begin on April 12 has had only a limited effect, throwing into doubt the rest of the plan that calls for talks between Assad's regime and those seeking to end his rule.

The raid against the impoverished village of al-Tamana began late Saturday and continued through the early hours on Sunday.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said five people were killed in the raid and government troops were setting fire to homes.

In northern Lebanon, residents said gun-battles broke out on Saturday, primarily between a neighbourhood populated by Sunni Muslims opposed to Assad and another area with many Assad backers from his Alawite sect.

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Miami

Travel agency fire was deliberate

Fire investigators have found that a blaze last month that scorched the offices of a Cuba travel agency in Miami was deliberately set, one of the first acts of violence in years against a company arranging visits to the island.

The blaze severely damaged the offices of Airline Brokers Co., which arranged the flights and travel for hundreds of Cuban-Americans and others to the island.

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Yemen

Military pounds al-Qaida base

Government troops backed by warplanes and heavy artillery pounded al-Qaida positions in southern Yemen on Sunday, killing at least 30 militants, officials said.

The army launched its assault on the al-Hurur region of Abyan province at dawn Sunday, pushing out al-Qaida-linked fighters who have controlled the area since taking it over last year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Botswana

Police crackdown on poaching

Police in Botswana say they are cracking down on poaching in a game reserve, but a rights group says the move is an attempt to intimidate Bushmen who went to court to secure their right to live in the area. Police have set up camps across the country as a prevention strategy.

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Greece. No deal reached for coalition government

Critical talks to form a governing coalition in crisis-struck Greece have foundered once more. Democratic Left leader Fotis Kouvelis said Sunday the country's president, who brokered talks in a last-ditch effort to break a deadlock, told him there was no possibility so far of forming a broad coalition government.

State television said President Karolos Papoulias would reconvene a meeting Monday with Kouvelis and the heads of the parties that came in the top three spots in last week's elections. The elections gave no party enough votes to form a government, plunging the country into political uncertainty.

Fotis Kouvelis THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Iran. Drawing sheds light on secret nuclear work

A drawing based on information from inside an Iranian military site shows an explosives containment chamber of the type needed for nuclear arms-related tests that UN inspectors suspect Tehran has conducted there.

Iran denies such testing and has neither confirmed nor denied the existence of such a chamber.

The computer-generated drawing was provided to The Associated Press by an official of a country tracking Iran's nuclear program who said it proves the structure exists, despite Tehran's refusal to acknowledge it.

That official said the image is based on information from a person who had seen the chamber at the Parchin military site, adding that going into detail would endanger the life of that informant.

The official comes from an IAEA member country that is severely critical of Iran's assertions that its nuclear activities are peaceful and asserts they are a springboard for making atomic arms. A former senior IAEA official said he believes the drawing is accurate.

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Zuckerberg set for big birthday week

Facebook. Social networking site expected to start selling stock publicly, trading on the Nasdaq Stock Market

Don't let the hoodie and sneakers fool you. Mark Zuckerberg is no wet-behind-the-ears CEO.

Facebook's chief executive turns 28 on Monday, setting in motion the social network's biggest week ever.

The company is expected to start selling stock to the public for the first time and begin trading on the Nasdaq market on Friday. The IPO could value Facebook at nearly $100 billion, making it worth more than such iconic companies as Disney, Ford and Kraft Foods.

At 28, Zuckerberg is exactly half the age of the average S&P 500 CEO, according to executive search firm Spencer Stuart.

With eight years on the job, he's logged more time as leader than the average CEO, whose tenure is a little more than seven years, according to Spencer Stuart.

Even so, the pressures of running a public company will undoubtedly take some getting used to.

Once Facebook begins selling stock, Zuckerberg will be expected to please a host of new stakeholders, including Wall Street investment firms, hedge funds and pension funds who will pressure him to keep the company growing.

Young as he may seem — especially in that hooded sweatshirt — Zuckerberg will be about the same age as Michael Dell and older than Steve Jobs when those two took their companies, Dell Inc. and Apple Inc., public.

In his years as Facebook's CEO he's met world leaders, rode a bull in Vietnam while on vacation, started learning Mandarin Chinese and as a personal challenge, wore a tie for the better part of a year.

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Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, seen in this 2011 file photo in San Francisco, turns 28 on Monday. He's considerably younger than the average Fortune 500 CEO, of course. PAUL SAKUMA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Yahoo. CEO steps down

Yahoo CEO Scott Thompson left the company four months into the job Sunday after more than a week of scrutiny into inaccuracies on his resume and in company filings.

Third Point, the activist hedge fund that owns nearly 6 per cent of Yahoo, claimed that Thompson had padded his resume with a degree in computer science from Stonehill College.

Thompson did earn an accounting degree from Stonehill, a Catholic school near Boston, in 1979. But he did not earn a computer science degree

He is being replaced by Yahoo's global media head Ross Levinsohn.

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SUBWAYS WON'T WIN ROB FORD SCARBOROUGH VOTES

URBAN COMPASS
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In a meeting room in Scarborough earlier this month, Mayor Rob Ford's grand plan to ride to re-election on subway promises drift further off track.

It happened deep in the heart of Ford Nation, with a few dozen people gathered in Agincourt for an information session put on by CodeRedTO, a non-partisan group that's been active throughout this year's transit debate. They've supported light-rail lines in Toronto's suburbs over the mayor's wish for "subways, subways, subways." (He really likes the word "subways.")

The mayor and his allies have said that Scarborough doesn't want the planned LRT lines, which recently won provincial support. But the reception from this Scarborough crowd wasn't all righteous anger and fury. They were there to learn.

And so they listened as CodeRedTO founders Joe Drew and Cameron MacLeod walked through the pros and cons of LRT versus other modes of transit. They didn't heckle or jeer when the TTC's David Nagler gave a detailed explanation of the revived plan for Sheppard Avenue and the Scarborough RT corridor.

Rapid transit lines

"If this is the issue that's supposed to inflame voters and win Rob Ford a second term, this crowd wasn't showing it."

When it came time for questions, no one ranted or threatened to throw their chair. Many asked about neighbourhood impacts, an angle that mostly went unexplored during this winter's heated council debate.

The most pointed comments related to the construction schedule. Thanks in part to Ford's meddling, the Sheppard LRT construction will be delayed by four years and won't be complete before the Scarborough RT shuts down. No one's happy about that.

Some weren't totally convinced that LRT was the right choice, but they were open to the ideas presented. And most definitely weren't ready to ditch an approved and funded plan in favour of a vague notion about building subways.

After the session "more than half the attendees stayed and simply talked to each other, discussing improving transit and the challenges involved," MacLeod said. "No yelling, lots of smiles and handshaking."

If this is the issue that's supposed to inflame voters and win Rob Ford a second term, this crowd wasn't showing it.

For their part, the CodeRedTO founders believe that most local residents just want to see something built in their neighbourhoods, having suffered for decades with packed buses and a Scarborough RT that frequently breaks down.

"Transit riders in Scarborough want something better than buses in mixed traffic," Drew said. "Scarborough has been burned again and again by rapid transit lines that are announced and never built."

And that's really the nub of it. That Scarborough crowd had grown wise to empty promises. They're not going to be taken by unfunded multi-billion dollar plans and repetitive slogans, no matter how hard the mayor tries. After all, they can't ride to work on a slogan.

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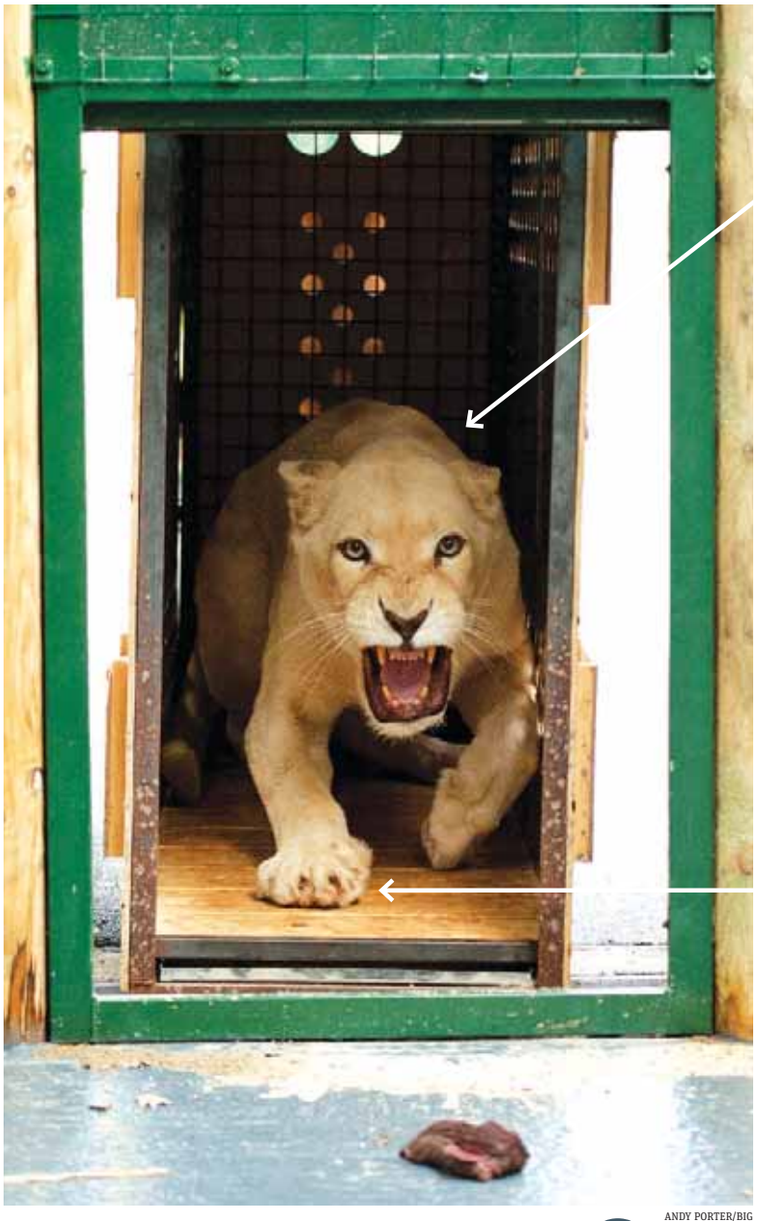

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Wildlife conservation

New white lions, pride of England

After a 20-hour flight without sedation, you'd expect this lioness to be a little grouchy. Fia and her sister Joy, two rare white lionesses flown from their native South Africa, are the new residents of the Wildlife Heritage Foundation's Big Cat Sanctuary in the village of Smarden in southeast England. **MWN**

Genetics

"We've brought the lions here to help expand a new bloodline."

Lynn Whitnall, trustee at the Wildlife Heritage Foundation

The two lionesses, about 5 years old, have been brought to the sanctuary in the hope that they will eventually breed with the resident male white lion. Because of their rarity, with "literally a handful of them left in South Africa," Whitnall tells Metro, preserving the white lion's bloodline is of paramount importance for wildlife conservationists.

Feline facts

- **Trophy beasts.** White lions are indigenous to South Africa. For many years, they were hunted for trophies; because of their rarity they have great value.
- **They're not albinos.** Their colour is caused by a recessive gene known as the chutiya, or colour-inhibitor gene. They vary from blonde through near-white, even red.
- **Missing in the wild.** There are roughly 300 white lions worldwide. However, there are no white lions left in the wild within their natural distribution range. *Source: Global White Lion Protection Trust*

Weird news

Thief's honour blooms

No matter how much digging investigators did, the crime remained open until a thief turned himself in and returned the fruits of his theft.

In this case, the crime was stealing two hydrangeas in May 1958 from Centennial Park in Nashville.

And the thief, 72-year-old Bill Teitleff of Joy, Ky., returned plants from the root system of the purloined flowers to the park Thursday.

Teitleff took the plant because he didn't have enough money to buy a Mother's Day gift for his mother. At the time of the theft, Teitleff was 18 years old and just married.

Teitleff says he can now walk through Centennial Park without feeling guilty. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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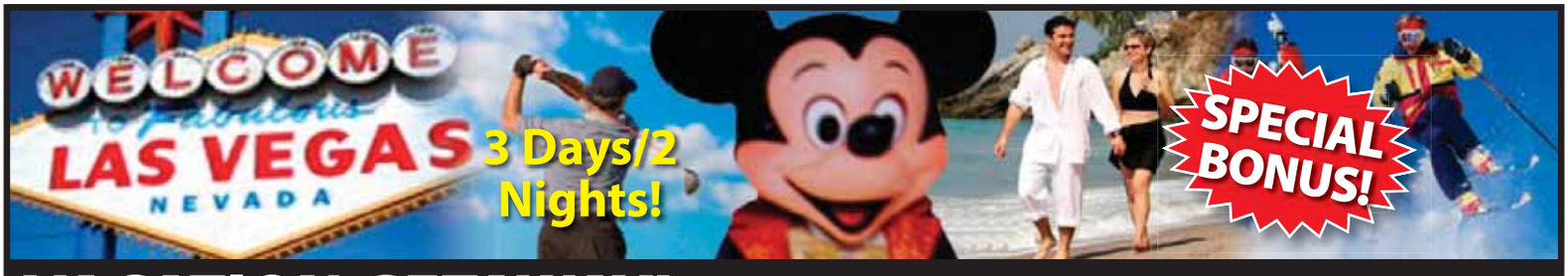

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Box office

Avengers defends No. 1 spot

The Avengers is taking a page out of Superman's comic book — flying faster than a speeding bullet to the billion-dollar mark at the box office. The superhero blockbuster took in $103.2 million to lead for a second straight weekend, raising its domestic total to $373.2 million. With $95.4 million more overseas, The Avengers lifted its international receipts to $628.9 million for a worldwide haul of just over $1 billion. The action smash from Disney's Marvel Studios easily fended off Johnny Depp and Tim Burton's vampire romp Dark Shadows, which had a so-so domestic start of $28.8 million to finish a distant No. 2.
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On the web

Young Montreal filmmaker 'amazed' by third trip to Cannes fest

Matthew Morrison and Cameron Diaz star in What to Expect When You're Expecting, opening on Friday. HANDOUT

Lopez and Diaz know what to expect — and it's not pretty

Pregnancy. What to Expect When You're Expecting stars dish on the births they've been privy to

What to Expect When You're Expecting — based on the bestselling pregnancy manual — is supposed to be about the highs and lows of having a child, but stars Jennifer Lopez and Cameron Diaz are more interested in the more horrific aspects.

"I had a C-section, but my sister gave birth six months later," Lopez remembers.

"We got pregnant around the same time, and she asked me to be in the delivery room with her. Because I had twins and it was recommended for me to have a C-section, there was a part of me that had thought, 'I didn't get to do it the way that everybody else does.'

"But when I saw my sister pushing that baby out, I was like, 'Maybe this was all right! Maybe this was a better out,'" remembers Lopez.

Diaz, who doesn't have any children of her own, explains that she got a crash course in the gruesome realities of having a baby at age 25 when her sister gave birth — and it may have shaded her own views on pregnancy.

"I was in [the delivery room] and they were doing a C-section," Diaz remembers.

"There was just, like, blood everywhere, my sister's guts out on a platter — the inside, all of her intestines. It was crazy, dude."

As grisly as that may sound, though, Diaz insists the other option isn't that appealing, either.

"But the vaginal delivery was crazy," she says. "No man should ever see it! Never let a man see that. Never."

Luckily, the film focuses on many other aspects of being pregnant.

For Diaz, part of the fun of making What to Expect When You're Expecting was the prosthetic … enhancements she got to wear — even if they didn't stand up to the elements.

"My pregnant breasts were really amazing," Diaz says with a laugh. "I was like, 'Wow! Those are awesome!'

"But then, when they put them on — because it was just the top part — in the Atlanta heat, I aged about 40 years by the end of two hours.

"They were literally hanging down to my hips! They were just drooping down, like they were just melting off my body, and it was really not attractive," she says.

A selfless act

Beyond birthing

So with all the pregnancy horror stories, might Lopez make like her character and consider adoption? "It's funny because before the movie, I never really thought about adoption at all," she says. "But after the film and during the making of the film when I held those two little Ethiopian twins, I fell in love instantly and it really occurred to me, I can see how somebody can do this," she says.

Desperate times for fans as Housewives bid a final farewell

Last episode. Cast and creator look back on the successful show that spanned eight scandalous seasons

AMBER RAY
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Marcia Cross as Bree Van de Kamp, left, Teri Hatcher as Susan Mayer, Vanessa L. Williams as Renée Perry, Eva Longoria as Gabrielle Solis and Felicity Huffman as Lynette Scavo. HANDOUT

With the final episode of the ABC hit series airing last night, Metro remembers eight successful seasons on Wisteria Lane as the stars and creator of Desperate Housewives pick some of their favourite — and least favourite — moments of the show.

One of the most memorable scenes through all the seasons of scandal in the suburbs was when Susan (Teri Hatcher) got locked out of her house — naked — in Season 1.

Recalling the shoot, Hatcher says: "It was a new wardrobe girl. Her name was Susan. (I say,) 'Hi, Susan. Nice to meet you. I'm Teri.' (She says,) 'Can we please take some gaffer's tape and cover your nipples and your crotch?'

"And I walk to the set in a robe, and it was six hours of shooting this from every angle. It was really a dance, and it was an amazing experience."

The storyline they didn't think they could pull off

"I'll tell you one thing that I didn't think we were ever going to get away with — because I had fans threatening my life for years," says series creator Marc Cherry. "I didn't think we were ever going to be able to split Tom (Doug Savant) and Lynette (Felicity Huffman) up, because that relationship was so treasured and so a lot of the fans really related to it."

Yet the beloved couple did break up in Season 8, which Huffman calls simply "upsetting." She and Savant didn't get to work together as much, "and working with Doug is one of my favorite things," Huffman says. Happily for fans of the couple, it appears they're on their way to reconciliation.

The pop-culture impact

It would be hard to imagine Bravo's privileged-ladies-behaving-badly Real Housewives franchise becoming such a hit without Desperate Housewives paving the way. The catfights, shocking deaths and questionable parenting that took place — all in fabulous outfits, natch — on Wisteria Lane drew nearly 24 million viewers in its first season.

"The show became essential watercooler fodder, particularly for women who had just aged out of Sex in the City," says Dwight DeWerth-Pallmeyer, director of communication studies at Widener University.

"While the Wisteria Lane women were easier to identify with than the women from SiTC's Manhattan, their stories were just as exotic, involving murder, blackmail and other niceties of suburban living.

"Of course, these women were generally richer than most suburban moms, their lives more dramatic and their physiques more beautiful. But that's the nature of television. It entertains us by holding up models of people we could never really be."

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The Word

Travolta accusations piling up

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

We tried to avoid the John Travolta rumours last week. Not because we didn't believe them — if you've seen 15 minutes of Wild Hogs, you could see him breaking rules on the massage table — but because they're gross, and we prefer to ease into the weekend with a Johnny Depp photo search.

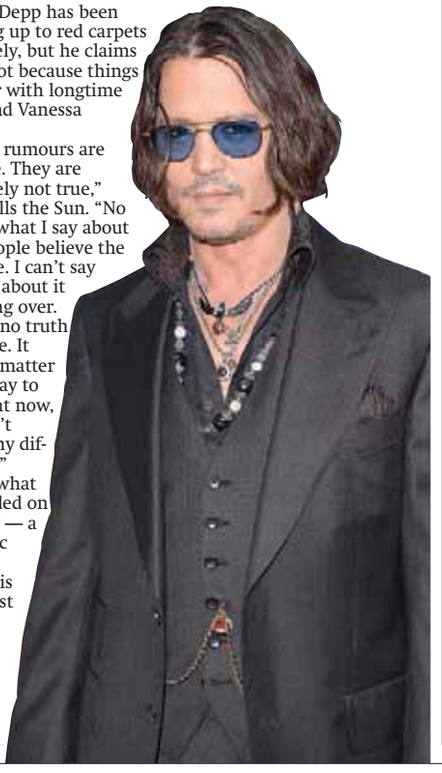
But now, a total of three men have accused the actor of sexually harassing them during massage sessions, and a former employee of the swanky Peninsula Hotel has come forward claiming that Travolta was banned from the spa after a pattern of "inappropriate behaviour" with the staff, reports the New York Daily News.

Travolta's lawyers are, of course, denying all of the accusations, even providing time-stamped photos to TMZ in an effort to prove he was across the country when some of the incidents were alleged to have taken place.

On the one hand, we find it hard to believe that Travolta wouldn't quickly and quietly hand over the couple million these guys are asking for if he didn't have the perfect alibi.

On the other, we read through the lawsuits and you can't make up stuff this lonely and pathetic — trust us, we try every day over here.

'The rumours are not true'



Johnny Depp has been showing up to red carpets solo lately, but he claims that's not because things are over with longtime girlfriend Vanessa Paradis.

"The rumours are not true. They are absolutely not true," Depp tells the Sun. "No matter what I say about this, people believe the opposite. I can't say enough about it not being over. There's no truth anymore. It doesn't matter what I say to you right now, it doesn't make any difference."

Just what we needed on Monday — a nihilistic Captain Jack. This week just keeps getting darker.

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Seacrest has marriage on his mind

Ryan Seacrest faked out American Idol audiences last week with what looked like a proposal to girlfriend Julianne Hough, instead giving her a note to pass on to her Rock of Ages co-star Tom Cruise.

But there was apparently some truth behind the gag, as Seacrest admits the pair have had marriage on their minds, according to Life & Style Weekly.

"It's something we talk about," he says. When asked if it's something they consider doing soon, he adds: "We talk about that, too."

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Some parents say they would consider implanting their children with a tracking device. ISTOCK

To microchip kids or not — that is the question

Technology. Some parents may agree to a GPS tracking device, but what about a body implant?

Recently, the ladies of the American talk show The View started quite the discussion when they proposed implanting microchips in children —just as you would a pet.

Whoopi Goldberg first mentioned the idea while the ladies were discussing the infamous Etan Patz case that really introduced parents to the dangers of missing children (he disappeared in 1979).

The basic conclusion of the panel was that if it's good enough for your Shih Tzu, it should be good enough for your children. This way we'd able to find young children if they were abducted.

First of all, as some of mommyish.com's readers noted, that's not exactly the way that microchips work.

Terri was the first to explain: "Pet microchips don't work like GPS trackers; rather, they can be scanned if a lost pet is brought into a shelter or vet clinic, in order to access the owner's contact information."

But there were still plenty of parents who seemed to believe that a GPS tracker for children wouldn't be a bad idea.

Amy brought up another famous missing persons case and the impact it made on her. "When I was 13, Jennifer Odom disappeared. She only needed to go 300 feet to her house from the step off the school bus. It took a bit to find her body. Still unsolved. Even if it's a worst-case scenario of, 'I can get my pit-bull back', I want the same service afforded to protecting my kids."

No matter what the crime rate may be, bad things still happen and parents are still desperate to protect their children from harm.

One reader, Rebecca, had a creative idea of a less permanent way to help keep track of young children who might wander off.

Her suggestion: "I'd be interested in GPS jewelry for kids, something you can remove easily, but isn't so obvious that a kidnapper would recognize what it is. It would be great if only you had access to the GPS signal, say through your phone or something. I go into NYC a lot, which is challenging with two preschoolers. If one slips away at the giant Toys 'R' Us, a lot of panic attacks could be averted."

To that end, there actually are a variety of GPS trackers that are available for cautious parents looking to keep their young children safe. But none of these options would be cheap. Companies have designed GPS units that can be placed in jewelry, clothing or bookbags, so that your children could be monitored at any time. Once the kids get older, you could stop asking them to wear the GPS device.

With all this talk of tracking kids in case of the worst, I think it's important to note that parents should be educating their children about stranger danger and safe practices as well. GPS might locate your child after the unthinkable has happened, but we all want to avoid that awful scenario altogether.

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Creative solution

"I'd be interested in GPS jewelry for kids, something you can remove easily."

Rebecca,
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Parenting

Do kids ever belong on a leash?

Since having kids, I've been freaked out by traffic. Parking lots, busy streets, even driveways have become safety hazards for me when I'm out with my children.

Usually we stick to the sidewalks, but not always. There have been numerous instances of waltzing through intersections, meandering along curbs and worst of all, weaving through parked cars.

When each boy started nursery school, he developed an insatiable appetite for freedom. The preferred destination? Parking lots. I remember picking up my eldest, now nine, from school and within seconds of leaving the building, he'd be heading straight into the carpool lane. Needless to say, the vice-grip hand-hold became de rigueur.

It was a phase he eventually grew out of — but not before teaching his younger brother exactly how it was done.

And so by the time my second son, now seven, started nursery school, he also hit the streets whenever possible. But with him, I was prepared. Doors would spring open and my hand would immediately go for his coat/knapsack/whatever body part I could grasp. My quick-draw-McGraw reflex surprised even myself.

But what was I going to do? Use a leash? No way.

I'd seen those parents. The relaxed ones. The ones walking through malls, airports, even parks, while their little ones meandered happily. On their leashes. Sometimes they wore full-on harnesses, though more often than not the leash was disguised as a backpack. I couldn't help but stare. And judge. These were children, not pets.

And then my three- year-old discovered the joys of the open roads. When he dashed into the school parking lot the first time, I chased him. The second time, I grabbed him. He soon learned to walk by my side, or, in worst-case scenarios, find himself thrown over my shoulder.

And then a few weeks ago, he disappeared. My husband and I had taken separate cars to a party.

My son insisted on going home with his daddy, so I left. Moments later my husband called, asking me if I'd taken our youngest son home. Luckily, the mad dasher was found by a lovely woman.

I'm now reconsidering my view on the leash. What about you?

CAROLYN DREBIN, MOMMYISH.COM

3 LIFE

Viral video

Cancer patients' big online hit

A video featuring cancer-stricken children, their nurses, doctors and parents lip-synching and dancing to the popular Kelly Clarkson song Stronger has become an online sensation. Clarkson, in her own video message to the children at Seattle Children's Hospital, called the video "amazing." "It made my day. I know it's making everybody else's day online," Clarkson said in a message posted on her website. "I just can't wait to meet you."

The youngsters, many attached to IVs and holding signs that say "Stronger," "Fighter" and "Hope," dance along with parents and medical staff. One child even rides a bike through the hallways of the hematology oncology floor. The video is part of a creative arts program with cancer patients at the Seattle hospital. The kids' video was the idea of 22-year-old Chris Rumble, a patient at the hospital who was diagnosed with leukemia in April. He wanted to do something to share with his old hockey team in the central Washington town of Wenatchee.

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On the Web

What passed for 'hijinks' in Mitt Romney's teens might not be treated so differently today

Bring spring to your table with a chicken-veggie dish

To make the most of tender spring vegetables, it's important to use a gentle touch at the stove. This not only results in a more delicious dish, it's also usually much less work.

This simple braise of chicken legs and spring vegetables is a great example. Though the chicken cooks for 30 minutes in chicken stock, the vegetables steam in the same pot for just a few minutes.

For maximum flavour, brown the chicken in a heavy pan before deglazing with a bit of white wine. This adds all the flavourful browned bits to the sauce. For the sauce, use chicken stock rather than broth. Stocks are made with the flavourful bones, so they often have a deeper flavour than broths.

Ingredients

- 1 tbsp unsalted butter, room temperature
- 2 tbsp all-purpose flour
- 1 tbsp canola oil
- 4 chicken legs, skin and excess fat removed
- Salt and black pepper
- 2 sweet onions, quartered
- 1/4 cup white wine
- 2 cups no-salt chicken stock
- 2 tsp dried thyme
- 1 bunch asparagus
- 1 bunch broccolini
- 1 tbsp cider vinegar

1. In small bowl, mix butter and flour until completely smooth. Set aside.

2. In heavy-bottomed pot, heat oil over medium-high heat. Season the chicken legs with salt and pepper. Working in batches, cook legs until well-browned, about 5 minutes per side. Transfer to plate.

3. Add onions to pot and brown 8 mins. Add wine and scrape bottom of pan to loosen browned bits. Return legs to pan along with the stock and thyme. Bring to low simmer, then cover. Reduce heat to low and simmer until the chicken legs are tender, about 30 minutes.

4. When the chicken cooked, place asparagus and broccolini over chicken and cover. Allow veggies to steam 5 mins. or until just tender and bright green.

5. Transfer legs and veg to platter. Increase heat to medium-high and whisk in the flour and butter mixture. Continue whisking until mix thickens, about 3 mins. Whisk in vinegar, then season with salt and pepper. Pour the sauce over the chicken and vegetables.

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This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Wong Wing Beef and Broccoli

220 calories/ 10 g sugar
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Pesto Mashed Potatoes. Sauce adds new flavour profile to a classic side

1. Cut large potatoes in half so they are a relatively even size. Add to a saucepan of boiling salted water and cook over a high heat for 10 or 15 minutes or until tender and cooked through.

2. Drain potatoes in a colander and leave to steam dry. Return pan to low heat and add milk.

3. Warm through for a few minutes, then tip potatoes back into the pan with oil, pesto and a pinch of salt and pepper. Mash everything together until smooth and combined.

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Ingredients

- 1 kg (2 lb) Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled
- 150 ml (2/3 cup) milk
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) extra virgin olive oil
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) basil pesto
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

Tosca Reno is now a New York Times best-selling author as well as a health and fitness expert. CONTRIBUTED

Shedding the pounds and moving forward

Personal transformation. One woman's weight-loss journey helped reshape her body and her career

TURNING POINT
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Tosca Reno was 39 years old and stared at her reflection in the mirror.

"I look atrocious," she recalls thinking. "Where did I go?"

She was 204 pounds of unhappiness brought on by a divorce. Tosca realized she had to make some changes, but little did she know the joy that would come her way.

Within three years Tosca had shed the weight, toned up and had met the love of her life, fitness guru and publishing magnate Robert Kennedy.

Tosca Reno, before she began her healthy lifestyle. CONTRIBUTED

She started writing about her journey in Oxygen magazine and propelled by her success, began writing The Eat-Clean Diet.

The series of books has now sold two million copies worldwide and she has become one of the world's leading authorities on health and wellness.

"I knew I wouldn't hit my stride until my later decades and I have a ways to go yet."

Tosca tragically lost her husband last month to lung cancer so she finds herself once again in transition.

She is grieving but still strong in facing the mission ahead of her.

"His blessing infuses me. We have a role to play in the health landscape in this country and I intend to take it."

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Getting students to stay in university

New book. Why the graduation rate is declining and how we need to invest in the undergraduate classroom

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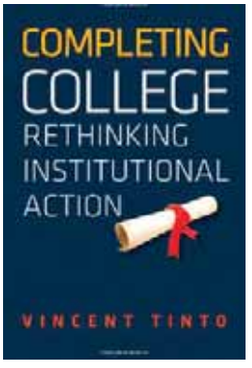
Over the last 17 years, Vincent Tinto's 1994 book, Leaving College: Rethinking the Causes and Cures of Student Attrition, has been a standard read for those studying student retention.

But now Tinto has authored a sequel, Completing College: Rethinking Institutional Action, with a sobering message for college administrators: College may be accessible to more people than ever before, but the graduation rate is not improving significantly — and, in some cases, it's actually declining.

"While the gap between high- and low-income students has decreased in terms of going to college, the gap in college completion between high and low income has actually increased," explains Tinto, a professor at Syracuse University.

"So something's amiss. The sum set of my experience is telling me the following: While colleges have instituted a range of retention programs, for the most part those programs have sat outside the classroom. They're disconnected."



Keeping classrooms full

Tinto points out four key steps for a successful, retention-focused classroom:

- **Heads up.** Clear and consistent expectations
- **Support.** This must be connected to and contextualized within the classroom

In the new book, Tinto calls for a reinvestment in the undergraduate classroom. That may sound logical enough, but he also highlights institutional forces working against an undergrad-learning-first institutional approach.

"For low-income students, most of them work outside the college and often commute. The only time they're on campus is when they're going to the classroom," explains Tinto.

"If we don't make success in the classroom the centrepiece of our work, we've missed the whole point of it."

Spending

Women control the purse strings: BMO survey

Men still make the most money in the average household, but it's women who control the purse strings. While that's been acknowledged informally for some time in Canada, a new survey by the Bank of Montreal suggests there is no reason to doubt the truism. In a report tied to Mother's Day, the bank says a recent survey of about 1,500 people shows that in 82 per cent of Canadian households, women are either the primary decision-maker or have equal responsibility for financial decisions.

"We can still say women earn less than men over their entire career ... but they do make around 80 per cent of the decisions around spending," said Tina Di Vito, head of BMO's retirement division. The BMO report, done in conjunction with Boston Consulting Group, shows women are also gaining financial power by virtue of their earnings and now control about one-third of all wealth in North America. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Heat top Pacers, but lose Bosh in process

LeBron James rises for a dunk in Miami on Sunday. MARC SEROTA/GETTY IMAGES

LeBron James got his trophy, and then he and Dwyane Wade made sure the Miami Heat got a win in Game 1.

James scored 32 points and grabbed 15 rebounds in his first game as a three-time MVP, Wade finished with 29 and the Heat beat the Indiana Pacers 95-86 to open their second-round series on Sunday.

Chris Bosh scored 13, but left late in the first half with a lower abdominal injury and did not return. The Heat said Bosh will have an MRI to determine the extent of the problem. While returning to the defensive end, Bosh started limping and grabbing at his midsection. He eventually fell to his knees in pain and left with 43.6 seconds to go in the half.

"It's unfortunate Chris went down," Wade said. "But we told him, 'Be healthy. We got 'em."

The Heat outscored Indiana 25-16 in the fourth, with Wade and James combining for 22 of those points. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Game 1

Heat	Pacers
95	86

Another MVP for James

Commissioner David Stern handed LeBron James his MVP trophy before the Heat hosted the Pacers on Sunday.

- James, who was announced Saturday as the winner, is the eighth player to win the award at least three times.

Blue Jays get the rough end of Diamond's gem

MLB. Canadian works 7 shutout innings in Twins' win over Toronto

Scott Diamond has been with the Minnesota Twins for less than a week, and he already has accounted for one-fifth of the team's wins.

Diamond, from Guelph, pitched seven shutout innings, Brian Dozier hit his first career homer and the Minnesota Twins beat the Toronto Blue Jays 4-3 on Sunday.

Ryan Doumit and Jamey Carroll added two hits apiece for the Twins, who became the last team in the majors to reach double-digit wins by splitting the four-game series. Matt Capps pitched a scoreless ninth for his seventh save in as many chances.

Yunel Escobar and Eric Thames knocked in runs for Toronto, which closed its road trip at 5-5.

Diamond (2-0) has given the Twins the type of starting pitching that has been sorely lacking for most of the season. Minnesota starters entered the game with a collective 6.57 earned-run average, the worst in baseball.

Called up from triple-A Rochester last Monday, he threw seven shutout innings Tuesday night against the Los Angeles Angels. Just as he did then, Diamond worked ahead in the count and primarily kept the ball down in the zone. He allowed five hits and struck out four without a walk.

Joe Mauer slides home safely against Blue Jays catcher J.P. Arencibia during the fifth inning in Minneapolis on Sunday. GENEVIEVE ROSS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"I was getting hit hard, but our defence came up big for me," he said. "I'm not a strikeout guy, so I just want them to keep hitting the ball in play and we were able to get some outs."

Last year, Diamond was 1-5 in seven starts for the Twins. This year he's more relaxed, taking things simpler and is focusing on the batter rather than letting things get out of control.

"This year it's more about getting back, getting wins, and helping this team out in whatever way I could," he said.

Toronto starter Ricky Romero (4-1) allowed nine hits in 5 1/3 innings, walked five and did not strike out a batter for the first time in 101 career starts. He threw only 51 of his 99 pitches for strikes and has just one win in his past four.

"It's mechanics," he said. "I'm rushing through my delivery. I worked on it all week. This game just tests you sometimes mentally. You just got to stay mentally strong and just continue to work."

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Sunday's game

Twins	Blue Jays
4	3

Quoted

"Taking a couple of deep breaths on the mound has got me back to settling down." Scott Diamond on this season's more relaxed approach.

IIHF

Ovechkin, Semin on way to worlds

Alex Ovechkin and Alexander Semin will join Russia at the world championship. The pair were ousted from the NHL playoffs Saturday when their Capitals lost 2-1 to the Rangers in Game 7 of the East semifinals.

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NBA

Clippers finish off Grizzlies in Game 7

The Los Angeles Clippers refused to let a third chance to knock the Memphis Grizzlies out of the playoffs slip away.

Kenyon Martin scored seven fourth-quarter points and the Clippers advanced with an 82-72 win in Game 7 on Sunday. The Clippers avoided

Clippers forward Kenyon Martin. KEVIN C. COX/GETTY IMAGES

blowing a 3-1 series lead and will face the Spurs starting Tuesday in San Antonio.

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Tennis

Raonic exits Rome after Round 1

Canadian Milos Raonic made a first-round exit at the Italian Open after losing to Germany's Florian Mayer 7-6 (5), 6-4 on Sunday.

Raonic, who was beaten last year in the first round, has yet to earn a win at Foro Italico. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NBA

"I'm not worried about him or what he has to say."

Oklahoma City's James Harden on Los Angeles' Metta World Peace. The Thunder start their second-round series Monday vs. the Lakers in the first meeting since World Peace — formerly Ron Artest — gave Harden a concussion by hitting him in the head with his elbow.

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SPORTS

Tennis

"It was a tough tournament and a brutal draw. Tomas played very well. I'm sure we will see each other many more times and they will be quality matches like this one."

Roger Federer climbed back to No. 2 in the rankings after rallying to beat Tomas Berdych 3-6, 7-5, 7-5 and win the Madrid Open for a third time on Sunday. Serena Williams overpowered Victoria Azarenka 6-1, 6-3 to win the women's final.

"I had some tough battles and really unfortunate circumstances so I really love this."

Serena Williams.

On the web

Kings still rolling in Round 3

The No. 8-seed Los Angeles Kings picked up where they left off with another road triumph in Game 1 of their Western Conference final against the Phoenix Coyotes on Sunday night. Dwight King scored twice while Anze Kopitar and Dustin Brown added singles in the Kings' 4-2 win in Glendale, Ariz. Go to metronews.ca/sports for further coverage.

On the web

John Tavares has yet to make the NHL playoffs, but he still gives his family reason to cheer each spring. The IIHF world hockey championship has become an annual event, and mother Barb Tavares calls John's opportunity to don the Maple Leaf "a dream come true." Scan the code for the story.

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City clinches title in season's waning moments

Vincent Kompany, captain of Manchester City, lifts the Barclay's Premier League Trophy Sunday in Manchester, England. City staged a dramatic fight back to win the English title for the first time in 44 years, scoring twice in stoppage time to clinch a 3-2 victory over Queens Park Rangers. They snatched the trophy from cross-town rivals and holder Manchester United on goal difference. ALEX LIVESEY/GETTY IMAGES

A rivalry renewed

NHL. Intensity has grown between Devils and Rangers since New York's Cup run in '94

It's been 18 years since Stephane Matteau forever etched his name into hockey history with a wraparound goal that launched the New York Rangers-New Jersey Devils rivalry well beyond just a common border war.

Matteau ended Game 7 of the 1994 Eastern Conference finals with a goal in double overtime, beating goalie Martin Brodeur and the Devils and sending the Rangers toward the final step of ending a 54-year Stanley Cup curse.

The intensity and animosity has only grown over the past two decades. The Devils recovered well from the disappointment of losing such an important series to their so-called "big brothers," and went on to win the Stanley Cup three times from 1995 to 2003, with another finals loss mixed in.

The Rangers haven't come close to matching that run of success. This is New York's first appearance in the conference finals since 1997 — a 4-1 series loss to Philadelphia.

Most of the names have changed from that landmark series back in 1994. Brodeur is the only player from either team to still be in the NHL, and he is still the cornerstone of the New Jersey club that will face the Rangers in this year's East finals that open Monday night at Madison Square Garden.

"I guess it's kind of amazing when you look at the amount of years in between the two series," Brodeur said Sunday.

During the regular season, the teams split six games. The most recent meeting on March 19 was the most memorable as it began with the clubs' enforcers on the ice and led to three fights right off the opening faceoff. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	22	13	.629	—
Tampa Bay	21	14	.600	1
New York	19	15	.559	2½
Toronto	19	16	.543	3
Boston	15	19	.441	6½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	18	16	.529	—
Detroit	17	17	.500	1
Chicago	16	19	.457	2½
Kansas City	13	20	.394	4½
Minnesota	10	24	.294	8

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	22	12	.647	—
Oakland	18	17	.514	4½
Seattle	16	20	.444	7
Los Angeles	15	19	.441	7

Yesterday's results
Minnesota 4 Toronto 3
Boston 12 Cleveland 1
Detroit 3 Oakland 1
Kansas City 9 Chicago White Sox 1
Seattle 6 N.Y. Yankees 2
Tampa Bay 9 Baltimore 8
L.A. Angels at Texas
Saturday's results
Toronto 2 Minnesota 1
Baltimore 5 Tampa Bay 3
Boston 4 Cleveland 1
Kansas City 5 Chicago White Sox 0
L.A. Angels 4 Texas 2
N.Y. Yankees 6 Seattle 2
Oakland 3 Detroit 1
Tonight's games — All Times Eastern
N.Y. Yankees (Nova 4-1) at Baltimore (Hammel 4-1), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Niemann 2-3) at Toronto (Morrow 4-1), 7:07 p.m.
Seattle (Vargas 4-2) at Boston (Lester 1-3), 7:10 p.m.
Kansas City (B.Chen 1-4) at Texas (Feldman 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (J.Gomez 2-2) at Minnesota (Pavano 2-3), 8:10 p.m.
Detroit (Smyly 1-0) at Chicago White Sox (Danks 2-4), 8:10 p.m.
Oakland (T.Ross 1-3) at L.A. Angels (Haren 1-3), 10:05 p.m.

TWINS 4, BLUE JAYS 3

Toronto	ab	r	h	bi	Minnesota	ab	r	h	bi
KJhnsn 2b	5	1	1	0	Span cf	4	1	1	0
YEscor ss	4	1	1	1	Dozier ss	5	2	2	1
Bautist rf	4	0	1	0	Mauer 1b	2	1	1	0
Encrnc 1b	4	0	3	0	Wlngh lf	3	0	0	1
BFrncs dh	3	0	0	0	Doumit dh	4	0	2	2
Thams ph-dh	1	0	0	1	Plouffe 3b	3	0	1	0
Lawrie 3b	4	0	1	0	Komats rf	3	0	1	0
Rasms cf	4	0	0	0	Butera c	3	0	0	0
Arencii c	4	0	1	0	JCarrll 2b	4	0	2	0
Mathis pr	0	0	0	0					
RDavis lf	3	1	2	0					
Lind ph	1	0	0	0					
Totals	**37**	**3**	**10**	**2**	**Totals**	**31**	**4**	**10**	**4**

Toronto	000	000	030 — 3
Minnesota	001	030	00x — 4

E—R.Davis (1), Plouffe (3). DP—Toronto 3, Minnesota 1. LOB—Toronto 7, Minnesota 11. 2B—Encarnacion (9), Mauer (7), Plouffe (2). HR—Dozier (1). SB—Encarnacion (6), Lawrie (4), R.Davis 2 (5), J.Carroll (4).

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
R.Romero L,4-1	5 1-3	9	4	4	5	0
Carreno	1 2-3	1	0	0	3	0
Oliver	1	0	0	0	0	0
Minnesota						
Diamond W,2-0	7	5	0	0	0	4
Burton	1-3	4	3	3	0	0
Perkins H,4	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Capps S,7-7	1	1	0	0	0	1

T—2:59. A—36,889 (39,500) at Minneapolis.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	22	13	.629	—
Washington	21	13	.618	½
New York	19	15	.559	2½
Miami	18	16	.529	3½
Philadelphia	16	19	.457	6

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	20	14	.588	—
Cincinnati	17	16	.515	2½
Pittsburgh	16	18	.471	4
Houston	15	19	.441	5
Milwaukee	15	19	.441	5
Chicago	14	20	.412	6

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	23	11	.676	—
San Francisco	17	17	.500	6
Arizona	15	20	.429	8½
Colorado	13	20	.394	9½
San Diego	12	23	.343	11½

Yesterday's results
Atlanta 7 St. Louis 4
Chicago Cubs 8 Milwaukee 2
Cincinnati 9 Washington 6
L.A. Dodgers 2 Colorado 1
Miami 8 N.Y. Mets 4
Philadelphia 3 San Diego 2
Pittsburgh 3 Houston 2 (12 innings)
San Francisco 7 Arizona 3
Saturday's results
Atlanta 7 St. Louis 2
L.A. Dodgers 2 Colorado 1
Milwaukee 8 Chicago Cubs 2
N.Y. Mets 9 Miami 3
Pittsburgh 5 Houston 2
San Diego 2 Philadelphia 1
San Francisco 5 Arizona 2
Washington 2 Cincinnati 1
Tonight's games — All Times Eastern
Chicago Cubs (Dempster 0-1) at St. Louis (Westbrook 4-2), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Harrell 2-2) at Philadelphia (Blanton 3-3), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Stauffer 0-0) at Washington (Detwiler 3-2), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Bailey 1-3) at Atlanta (Delgado 2-3), 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Gallardo 2-3) at N.Y. Mets (Batista 0-1), 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Lincoln 2-0) at Miami (A.Sanchez 2-0), 7:10 p.m.
Arizona (I.Kennedy 3-2) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 2-1), 10:10 p.m.
Colorado (Friedrich 1-0) at San Francisco (Vogelsong 1-2), 10:15 p.m.

TENNIS

ATP-WTA MADRID OPEN

At Madrid, Spain
Yesterday's results
Men
Singles — Championship
Roger Federer (3), Switzerland, def. Tomas Berdych (6), Czech Republic, 3-6, 7-5, 7-5.
Doubles — Championship
Mariusz Fyrstenberg and Marcin Matkowski (4), Poland, def. Robert Lindstedt, Sweden, Horia Tecau (6), Romania, 6-3, 6-4.
Women
Singles — Championship
Serena Williams (9), U.S., def. Victoria Azarenka (1), Belarus, 6-1, 6-3.
Saturday's results
Doubles — Semifinals
Mariusz Fyrstenberg and Marcin Matkowski (4), Poland, def. Max Mirnyi, Belarus, and **Daniel Nestor (2), Toronto**, 6-7 (3), 7-6 (6), 12-10 (tiebreak.)

NHL

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

All Times Eastern

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

(Best-of-7)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

N.Y. RANGERS (1) VS. WASHINGTON (7)
(N.Y. Rangers win series 4-3)
Saturday's result
N.Y. Rangers 2 Washington 1

CONFERENCE FINALS

(Best-of-7)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

N.Y. RANGERS (1) VS. NEW JERSEY (6)
Tonight's game
New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, 8 p.m.
Wednesday's game
New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, 8 p.m.
Saturday, May 19
N.Y. Rangers at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
Monday, May 21
N.Y. Rangers at New Jersey, 8 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

PHOENIX (3) VS. LOS ANGELES (8)
Last night's result
Los Angeles at Phoenix
Tomorrow's game
Los Angeles at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Thursday's game
Phoenix at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.
Sunday, May 20
Phoenix at Los Angeles, 3 p.m.

GOLF

PGA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

At Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.
Par 72
Final Round

Matt Kuchar, $1,710,000	68-68-69-70—275
Ben Curtis, $627,000	68-71-70-68—277
Rickie Fowler, $627,000	72-69-66-70—277
Zach Johnson, $627,000	70-66-73-68—277
Martin Laird, $627,000	65-73-72-67—277
Luke Donald, $342,000	72-69-72-66—279
Bo Van Pelt, $296,083	71-70-70-69—280
Kevin Na, $296,083	67-69-68-76—280
Jhonattan Vegas, $296,083	68-74-68-70—280
Carl Pettersson, $247,000	71-72-69-69—281
David Toms, $247,000	69-74-73-65—281
Blake Adams, $199,500	66-73-72-71—282
Jonathan Byrd, $199,500	68-70-72-72—282
Geoff Ogilvy, $199,500	70-73-70-69—282
Brendon de Jonge, $137,988	69-71-72-71—283
Bob Estes, $137,988	73-69-76-65—283
Peter Hanson, $137,988	73-71-71-68—283
Martin Kaymer, $137,988	73-69-70-71—283
Spencer Levin, $137,988	74-68-72-69—283
David Mathis, $137,988	72-71-69-71—283
Adam Scott, $137,988	68-70-74-71—283
Henrik Stenson, $137,988	71-71-71-70—283
Chris Couch, $95,000	72-71-71-70—284
John Huh, $95,000	75-66-72-71—284
Also	
David Hearn, $19,285	**69-75-77-74—295**
Graham DeLaet, $18,905	**71-73-76-76—296**

VOLLEYBALL

NORCECA MEN'S OLYMPIC QUALIFYING

At Long Beach, Calif.
Saturday's results
Championship
(winner earns 2012 Olympic berth)
U.S. def. **Canada**, 3-0 (28-26, 25-18, 25-20)
Third Place
Cuba def. Puerto Rico, 3-0 (25-20, 25-21, 25-15)

HOCKEY

IIHF MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

At Helsinki and Stockholm

PRELIMINARY ROUND

GROUP A

	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	Pt
x-Canada	**6**	**5**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**30**	**14**	**16**
x-U.S.	6	3	2	0	1	27	15	13
Slovakia	6	4	0	0	2	16	9	12
Finland	6	4	0	0	2	17	13	12
France	5	2	0	0	3	15	26	6
Switzerland	6	2	0	0	4	14	16	6
Belarus	5	1	0	0	4	9	16	3
Kazakhstan	6	0	0	1	5	10	29	1

GROUP B

	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	Pt
x-Russia	6	6	0	0	0	23	8	18
x-Sweden	6	5	0	0	1	25	15	15
Czech Republic	6	3	1	0	2	16	10	11
Norway	6	3	0	1	2	27	17	10
Latvia	5	2	0	0	3	11	13	6
Germany	6	2	0	0	4	13	23	6
Italy	6	0	1	0	5	6	27	2
Denmark	5	0	0	1	4	9	17	1

x — clinched berth in championship playoffs.
Yesterday's results
At Helsinki
Slovakia 1 Switzerland 0
U.S. 5 Finland 0
At Stockholm
Norway 12 Germany 4
Russia 2 Czech Republic 0
Saturday's results
At Helsinki
Canada 8 Kazakhstan 0
Slovakia 5 Belarus 1
France 4 Switzerland 2
At Stockholm
Norway 3 Latvia 0
Germany 2 Denmark 1
Sweden 4 Italy 0
Today's games — All Times Eastern
At Helsinki
Belarus vs. France, 9:15 a.m.
Kazakhstan vs. Finland, 1:15 p.m.
At Stockholm
Latvia vs. Denmark, 10:15 a.m.
Italy vs. Russia, 2:15 p.m.

RBC CUP

CANADIAN JR. A CHAMPIONSHIP

At Humboldt, Sask.
Last night's result
Championship
Penticton 4 Woodstock 3
Saturday's results
Semifinals
Penticton 3 Sault Ste. Marie 0
Woodstock 4 Humboldt 3 (OT)

LACROSSE

NLL PLAYOFFS

DIVISION FINALS

Saturday's results
East Division
Rochester 17 Toronto 13
West Division
Edmonton 15 Minnesota 3

NLL CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday, May 19
Champions Cup
All Times Eastern
Edmonton at Rochester, 7:30 p.m.

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE QUARTER-FINALS

(Best-of-7)
All Times Eastern

WESTERN CONFERENCE

L.A. LAKERS (3) VS. DENVER (6)
(L.A. Lakers win series 4-3)
Saturday's result
L.A. Lakers 96 Denver 87
MEMPHIS (4) VS. L.A. CLIPPERS (5)
(L.A. Clippers win series 4-3)
Yersterday's result
L.A. Clippers 82 Memphis 72

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

(Best-of-7)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

MIAMI (2) VS. INDIANA (3)
(Miami leads series 1-0)
Yesterday's result
Miami 95 Indiana 86
Tomorrow's game
Indiana at Miami, 7 p.m.
Thursday's game
Miami at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Sunday, May 20
Miami at Indiana, 3:30 p.m.
BOSTON (4) VS. PHILADELPHIA (8)
(Boston leads series 1-0)
Saturday's result
Boston 92 Philadelphia 91
Tonight's game
Philadelphia at Boston, 7 p.m
Wednesday's game
Boston at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Friday's game
Boston at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SAN ANTONIO (1) VS. L.A. CLIPPERS (5)
Tomorrow's game
L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m.
Thursday's game
L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 19
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 20
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
OKLAHOMA CITY (2) VS. L.A. LAKERS (3)
Tonight's game
L.A. Lakers at Oklahoma City, 9:30 p.m.
Wednesday's game
L.A. Lakers at Oklahoma City 9:30 p.m.
Friday's game
Oklahoma City at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 19
Oklahoma City at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

CYCLING

GIRO D'ITALIA

At Lago Laceno, Italy
Yesterday's results (eighth stage, 229 kms)
1. Domenico Pozzovivo, Italy, Colnago-CSF Inox, six hours, six minutes, five seconds; 2. Benat Intxausti, Spain, Movistar, 0:23 behind; 3. Joaquin Rodriguez, Spain, Katusha, 0:27.
Also — 11. Ryder Hesjedal, Victoria, Garmin-Barracuda, same time; 100. Dominique Rollin, Boucherville, Que., Orica-GreenEdge, 14:39; 150. Svein Tuft, Langley, B.C., FDJ-BigMat, 20:42; 179. Christian Meier, Sussex, N.B., Orica-GreenEdge, 21:16.
Overall Standings — 1. Ryder Hesjedal, Victoria, Garmin-Barracuda, 32 hours, 23 minutes, 25 seconds; 2. Joaquin Rodriguez, Spain, Katusha, 0:09 behind; 3. Paolo Tiralongo, Italy, Astana, 0:15; 4. Roman Kreuziger, Czech Republic, Astana, 0:35.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
New York	11	7	3	1	23	16	22
Kansas City	10	7	3	0	13	7	21
D.C. United	12	5	4	3	20	16	18
Chicago	9	4	2	3	11	10	15
New England	10	4	6	0	12	13	12
Montreal	11	3	5	3	12	16	12
Houston	8	3	3	2	8	9	11
Columbus	9	3	4	2	8	11	11
Philadelphia	9	2	6	1	7	12	7
Toronto	8	0	8	0	6	18	0

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Real Salt Lake	13	8	3	2	19	12	26
San Jose	11	7	2	2	22	12	23
Seattle	10	7	2	1	13	4	22
Vancouver	10	5	3	2	10	11	17
Colorado	10	5	5	0	15	12	15
Dallas	12	3	6	3	11	18	12
Los Angeles	10	3	5	2	12	15	11
Chivas USA	10	3	6	1	6	12	10
Portland	9	2	5	2	9	13	8

Yesterday's results
New York 3 Philadelphia 2
Chivas USA 1 San Jose 1
Saturday's results
Los Angeles 1 Montreal 1
New England 4 Vancouver 1
Houston 1 D.C. United 0
Columbus 2 Dallas 1
Chicago 2 Kansas City 1
Real Salt Lake 1 Seattle 0
Tomorrow's game — All Times Eastern
Portland at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

ENGLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
ch,cl-Manchester City	38	28	5	5	93	29	89
cl-Manchester United	38	28	5	5	89	33	89
cl-Arsenal	38	21	7	10	74	49	70
x-Tottenham	38	20	9	9	66	41	69
el-Newcastle	38	19	8	11	56	51	65
x-Chelsea	38	18	10	10	65	46	64
Everton	38	15	11	12	50	40	56
el-Liverpool	38	14	10	14	47	40	52
Fulham	38	14	10	14	48	51	52
West Bromwich	38	13	8	17	45	52	47
Swansea	38	12	11	15	44	51	47
Norwich	38	12	11	15	52	66	47
Sunderland	38	11	12	15	45	46	45
Stoke	38	11	12	15	36	53	45
Wigan	38	11	10	17	42	62	43
Aston Villa	38	7	17	14	37	53	38
QPR	38	10	7	21	43	66	37
r-Bolton	38	10	6	22	46	77	36
r-Blackburn	38	8	7	23	48	78	31
r-Wolverhampton	38	5	10	23	40	82	25

r — relegated
cl — earned Champions League berth
el — earned Europa League berth
x — eaned berth in Champions League or Europa League, depending on whether Chelsea wins Champions League.
Yesterday's results
Chelsea 2 Blackburn 1
Everton 3 Newcastle 1
Manchester City 3 Queens Park Rangers 2
Norwich 2 Aston Villa 0
Stoke 2 Bolton 2
Sunderland 0 Manchester United 1
Swansea 1 Liverpool 0
Tottenham 2 Fulham 0
West Bromwich Albion 2 Arsenal 3
Wigan 3 Wolverhampton 2
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Hesjedal holds on to pink jersey

Cycling. First Canadian to lead the Giro D'Italia retains his lead despite tough day in the saddle

Canada's Ryder Hesjedal retained the overall leader's jersey at the Giro d'Italia on Sunday with an 11th-place finish in the eighth stage.

Hesjedal, who is from Victoria, is the first Canadian to ever lead the race.

Domenico Pozzovivo took the eighth stage thanks to a break just under seven kilometres from the finish of the gruelling 229-kilometre leg from Sulmona to Lago Laceno to win in six hours six minutes five seconds.

The Colnago-CSF Inox rider was 23 seconds ahead of Movistar's Benat Intxausti.

"It's not possible, I can't believe it," Pozzovivo said. "I've been dreaming of this since last autumn. And it happened how I wanted it to, with a clear victory."

Joaquin Rodriguez led the peloton over the line 27 seconds after Pozzovivo to close the gap on Hesjedal to nine seconds in the overall standings.

"That was a tough day. Really happy to hang onto the jersey," said Hesjedal, who rides for Garmin-Barracuda. "The team was incredible again and really showed our strength in the hard beginning of the stage.

"I just had to follow my closest competitors on the final climb and I was able to do that. Mission accomplished."

Defending champion Michele Scarponi moved up into 12th, 54 seconds behind Hesjedal, while two-time winner Ivan Basso is in sixth, 40 seconds behind the Garmin-Barracuda cyclist.

As expected, the stage was decided on the ascent of the category 2 Colle Molella climb to the finish. The 9.9-kilometre climb has an average gradient of six per cent and includes several hairpin turns with gradients of between 10 per cent and 12 per cent.

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Quoted

"The guys did a great job defending the jersey."

Canadian cyclist Ryder Hesjedal, after retaining the pink jersey for the overall race leader.

Ryder Hesjedal celebrates retaining the overall leader's jersey after the eighth stage of the Giro d'Italia Sunday. GIAN MATTIA D'ALBERTO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Across

1 Handle clumsily
4 Some radios (Abbr.)
7 Urban transport
8 Tenors' solos
10 Gallup writeups
11 Celsius unit
13 Lover's earful
16 Officeholders
17 Leading
18 Past
19 One of the Gospels
20 On
21 Ahab's quarry
23 Senior member
25 Panorama
26 Jackknife, e.g.
27 Savings-plan acronym
28 Wagon-wheel part
30 Perched
33 Nondiscretionary enforcement policy
36 Leisurely walk
37 Prince Harry's mum
38 Tearjerker need (Var.)
39 Incite
40 Meadow
41 Tee preceder

Down

1 Loses colour
2 Wheelbase terminus
3 Pensive
4 Worries
5 Possibly will
6 Ganges wrap
7 Burg
8 Worship
9 Legislative body
10 Letter before omega
12 Give encouragement
14 Sneaker brand
15 Bribe
19 9-Down output
20 Sailor's affirmation
21 Mess behind a desk
22 Fireplace
23 Levee
24 Late
25 Namely (Abbr.)
26 Role for Barbra
28 Rock
29 Lively dance
30 Unforeseen hazards
31 Zits
32 Afternoon social
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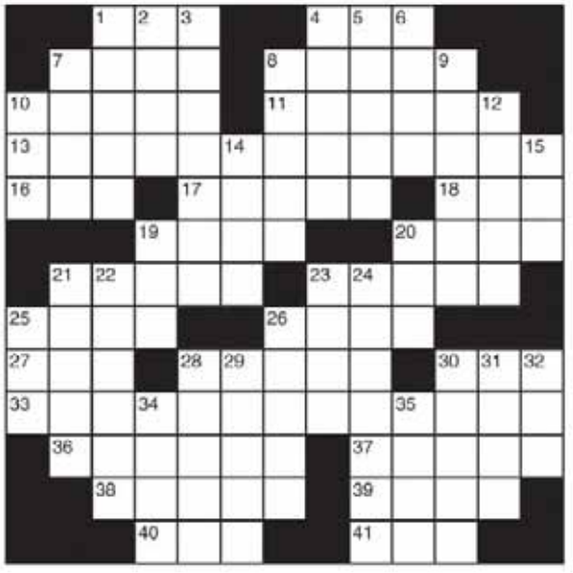

Sudoku

7				4				3
	8			9			5	
4			1		2			8
3		7				4		1
		2	3		5	6		
9		8				5		7
5			9		8			6
	2			6			1	
6				3				2

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Friday's Sudoku

9	4	7	2	8	3	1	5	6
1	2	6	4	9	5	3	8	7
3	8	5	7	1	6	4	2	9
6	3	2	9	5	7	8	1	4
4	9	8	6	2	1	5	7	3
5	7	1	3	4	8	6	9	2
8	6	3	5	7	2	9	4	1
2	5	9	1	6	4	7	3	8
7	1	4	8	3	9	2	6	5

Friday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

RK Z KXLZOX LSQZEHW VXEX Z KZQ SK OSV-PJZORYI GXMA, AWX HSJOM GX HZOOXM LZEI, PJXXQ SK HSYA.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT WOULD PEOPLE NAME A RACEHORSE THAT'S A CONNOISSEUR OF FINE FOOD? THE GALLOPING GOURMET.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals E

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Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Don't worry too much if you can't seem to work out what's going on today – it will all become clear as the week progresses.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Do not allow yourself to get drawn into other people's disputes.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. You will be in a generous mood today. If someone is down on their luck you won't have the heart to turn them away.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Mars in your sign makes you assertive and ambitious, but don't try to do everything all in one go.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. It does not matter if you are in one of your gloom and doom moods today because by this time tomorrow you will be all smiles again.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Put any feelings of regret or remorse you may have behind you immediately.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. A minor success can be built into something more important but you've got to be patient.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. The message of the stars is that you have nothing to worry about – no, really, nothing at all. By all means take a few chances.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. You may be tempted to cut corners today but is that really such a smart idea?

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Someone you work with is in an unreasonable mood and no doubt it annoys you a lot. But don't stoop to their level and be unreasonable in return because that means they will have won. SALLY BROMPTON

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MAY $500 CASH BONUS§ EVENT

0% FINANCING ON 2012's** | PAY FOR 90 DAYS◆

ON SELECT MODELS

2012 FORTE5

HWY: 5.5L/100KM
CITY: 8.0L/100KM

Forte *5* SX shown

PLUS $500 CASH BONUS§

OWN IT FROM $97≠ | AT 1.49% APR

bi-weekly for 60 months, amortized over 84 months with a $2,800 down payment. $4,946 remaining balance.
Offer includes delivery, destination, fees,
$1,250 IN LOAN SAVINGS‡ and $500 competitive bonus.††
BASED ON A PURCHASE PRICE OF $21,234.
Offer based on Forte5 LX PLUS AT.

✓ MORE STANDARD HORSEPOWER THAN MAZDA3±

2012 FORTE SEDAN

TOP SAFETY PICK 2012^ INSURANCE INSTITUTE FOR HIGHWAY SAFETY

HWY: 5.5L/100KM
CITY: 8.0L/100KM

Forte SX shown

PLUS $500 CASH BONUS§

OWN IT FROM $83≠ | AT 1.49% APR

bi-weekly for 60 months, amortized over 84 months with a $1,500 down payment. $4,249 remaining balance.
Offer includes delivery, destination, fees,
$1,500 IN LOAN SAVINGS‡ and $500 competitive bonus.††
BASED ON A PURCHASE PRICE OF $17,834.
Offer based on Forte LX MT.

✓ MORE STANDARD HORSEPOWER THAN HONDA CIVIC AND MAZDA3¥

2012 FORTE KOUP

HWY: 5.7L/100KM
CITY: 8.0L/100KM

Forte Koup SX shown

PLUS $500 CASH BONUS§

OWN IT FROM $104≠ | AT 1.49% APR

bi-weekly for 60 months, amortized over 84 months with a $2,750 down payment. $5,346 remaining balance.
Offer includes delivery, destination, fees,
$750 IN LOAN SAVINGS‡ and $500 competitive bonus.††
BASED ON A PURCHASE PRICE OF $22,034.
Offer based on Forte Koup EX AT.

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Optima Hybrid Best New Family Car (over $30,000)

HWY: 5.7L/100KM
CITY: 8.7L/100KM

Optima SX Turbo shown

HWY: 4.9L/100KM
CITY: 5.6L/100KM

Optima Hybrid shown

2012 OPTIMA

PLUS $500 CASH BONUS§

OWN IT FROM $179 | AT 0% APR** | FOR UP TO 60 MONTHS

bi-weekly for 60 months with a $2,950 down payment.
Offer includes delivery, destination and fees.
BASED ON A PURCHASE PRICE OF $26,234.
Offer based on Optima LX AT.

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2012 OPTIMA HYBRID

PLUS $500 CASH BONUS§

OWN IT FROM $233 | AT 0% APR** | FOR UP TO 60 MONTHS

bi-weekly for 60 months with a $0 down payment.
Offer includes delivery, destination, fees, $1,000
ECO Credit^ and **$1,250** Loyalty Bonus^¥
BASED ON A PURCHASE PRICE OF $32,534.
Offer based on Optima Hybrid Base.

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